

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1–23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (new): A surgical device for treating urinary incontinence, comprising:

- a needle comprising a curved portion;
- a dilator coupled to an end of the needle; and
- a sling coupled to an end of the dilator.

Claim 25 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the dilator comprises a tapered leading edge.

Claim 26 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the dilator is substantially cylindrical and tapered at one end.

Claim 27 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein an outer circumference of the dilator increases from a first end of the dilator towards a second end of the dilator.

Claim 28 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein a width of the dilator increases from a first end of the dilator towards a second end of the dilator.

Claim 29 (new): The surgical device of claim 28, wherein the dilator is about 1 centimeter to about 4 centimeters in width at the second end of the dilator.

Claim 30 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein a width of the dilator is larger than a width of the needle.

Claim 31 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the sling comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a natural material, a synthetic material, and a combination of a natural material and a synthetic material.

Claim 32 (new): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the sling is about 1 centimeter to about 3 centimeters in width.

Claim 33 (new): The surgical device of claim 24 further comprising a tether, wherein the tether couples the needle to the dilator.

Claim 34 (new): The surgical device of claim 33, wherein the tether is selected from the group consisting of a wire, a suture, and a portion of the sling.

Claim 35 (new): The surgical device of claim 24 further comprising a pouch attached to the dilator.

Claim 36 (new): The surgical device of claim 24 further comprising a pouch releasably attached to the sling.

Claim 37 (new): The surgical device of claim 24 further comprising a pouch, wherein the sling is encapsulated within the pouch.

Claim 38 (new): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is made of a low friction material.

Claim 39 (new): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is substantially flat.

Claim 40 (new): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is translucent.

Claim 41 (new): A surgical device for treating urinary incontinence, comprising:
an elongated member comprising a curved portion;
a second member, coupled to an end of the elongated member, for enlarging an opening
in a body; and
an implant coupled to an end of the second member.

Claim 42 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein the second member is substantially cylindrical and tapered at one end.

Claim 43 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein an outer circumference of the second member increases from a first end of the second member towards a second end of the second member.

Claim 44 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein a width of the second member increases from a first end of the second member towards a second end of the second member.

Claim 45 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein a width of the second member is larger than a width of the elongated member.

Claim 46 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein the implant comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a natural material, a synthetic material, and a combination of a natural material and a synthetic material.

Claim 47 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein the implant is about 1 centimeter to about 3 centimeters in width.

Claim 48 (new): The surgical device of claim 41 further comprising a tether, wherein the tether couples the elongated member to the second member.

Claim 49 (new): The surgical device of claim 48, wherein the tether is selected from the group consisting of a wire, a suture, and a portion of the implant.

Claim 50 (new): The surgical device of claim 41 further comprising a pouch attached to the second member.

Claim 51 (new): The surgical device of claim 41 further comprising a pouch, wherein the implant is encapsulated within the pouch.

Claim 52 (new): The surgical device of claim 51, wherein the pouch is made of a low friction material.

Claim 53 (new): The surgical device of claim 51, wherein the pouch is substantially flat.

Claim 54 (new): The surgical device of claim 51, wherein the pouch is translucent.

Claim 55 (new): The surgical device of claim 41, wherein the elongated member comprises a needle.

Claim 56 (new): A surgical device for treating urinary incontinence, comprising:

means for creating a path through a body of a patient;
means for enlarging the path created through the body of the patient, the means for enlarging the path coupled to the means for creating the path; and
a sling coupled to the means for enlarging the path.